

Dear Orest,

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Whole I do not speak Spanish, I have heard enough words and have seen enough written so that if I have time I can puzzle some of it out. So, for the kind things you said, my sincere thanks.

Jim Lesar's ~~late~~ wife did a thoughtful thing: she had their baby a few weeks ahead of schedule. They are both doing well and it is probable that she will be home from the hospital before we have to get busy in the case of James Earl Ray. Jim has done most of the legal work and we expect a decision this week on whether the judge will order a trial. If you see anything in the papers I'd appreciate a copy. They have different stories there.

Jim has done this Ray work and the cases he has handled for me without fee, so he is not in good financial condition. He is just getting started. And we have been working on a case that I am sure will interest you. He will file it soon in our continuign effort to obtain the suppressed evidence.

And somehow he has to find time to file some of the cases against those who owe me money, for I continue just about broke.

Between all these things, there is not much chance that he can get to New Orleans any time soon. We would both like to, of course. (We also can't afford it, either of us.)

What I hope is the last of the repairs on my old car is scheduled for day after tomorrow. I believe I told you I had had several accidents. If that goes well I'll be able to go to Washington. Perhaps he and I will then have a chance to discuss this.

The work we do is along the line I think you referred to. If you remember the references to my suit for the spectrographic analysis in Whitewash IV, Congress changed the law with that in mind. So, when the changed law becomes effective, that is the suit we are filing. If you see any stories on that - and I don't know if there will be any - I'd also appreciate copies of it, too.

Thanks for the Boggs story. The pictures were of Lane. Whether those files include me I don't know. I guess so, but there can't be anything of interest unless they have made things up. After I left New Orleans, just as the Shaw trial was beginning, I heard that the FBI was going around saying bad things about me. I know that if you had heard anything like this you would have told me. The man who told me is no longer in New Orleans.

You are correct in believing that there has been a change in public opinion and that it is favorable. We'll do what we can about this.

However, some of the things those who have not made a real study are saying are exaggerations, so be careful what you believe. They are getting much attention but they are saying what they cannot prove and I believe is not true about some people.

My best regards to your wife and the baby who must have grown much by now.

If I can add anything after I have a chance to get together with Lesar I'll write again. However, it now looks as though we'll both be busy for a while on cases already in the works.

Sincerely,